

## Explanation of variances 2022-2023

Name of smaller authority: **Worlingworth Parish Council**  
County area: **Mid Suffolk**

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all **Blue** highlighted boxes

Next, please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following that will be flagged in the green boxes where relevant:

- variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);
- New from 2020/21 onwards:** variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;
- a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, <b>DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES</b>	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	24,116	37,954				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	13,360	13,626	266	1.99%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	15,683	38,466	22,783	145.27%	YES		In 2021-2022 the Parish Council received £15,450.42 in CIL money, in 2022-2023 this was more than doubled with £36,896.59 of CIL money received. This equates to £21,446.17 of the differential. Other funds that were received were a £795.50 which was a VAT claim for the three year period April 2019 to March 2022. There was an increase in interest earned on our reserves with £230.40 of interest received due to the higher level of funds in our accounts and the increased interest rates. £79.90 was returned to the Parish Council by Worlingworth Players as the group has disbanded and the Council provided some seed funding when they first set up, so they felt it only right to return the funds. A £50 cash donation was received towards the cost of the Christmas event organised by the Parish Council. The rest was money that was returned to the Council by a volunteer who had been reimbursed for some supplies purchased to organise the Platinum Jubilee celebration events, but after the event it turned out that this reimbursement was not required as sales of food and drink had been better than expected.
4 Staff Costs	3,014	3,762	748	24.82%	YES		The Council has enacted the recommended NJC pay settlements for the Clerk during the course of the year, this has resulted in two backdated pay settlements of £69.16 and £210.10 with the remainder being made up from the incremental increases per hour over the course of the year
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	12,191	24,105	11,914	97.73%	YES		Substantial payments have been made from the CIL funds that have been received by the Parish Council. £6904.46 was paid towards road safety traffic calming measures; an additional vehicle activated speed sign was purchased at £2700; modern mobile staging which can be used for events at the Primary School, the Community Centre and the Church was purchased at £3825 (it is stored within the Primary School); a contribution of £1662.46 was made to the Community Centre to install a generator socket to enable the Centre to be registered as an official Emergency Rest Centre as part of the Emergency Plan Review. These figures come to a total of £15,091.92 which means that the residual expenditure for the Council was about £3,000 less than last year (although last year's expenditure included the purchase of roadside planters at a cost of £4,000)
7 Balances Carried Forward	37,954	62,179			YES	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON RESERVES TAB AS	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	37,954	62,179				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	17,256	19,956	2,700	15.65%	YES		The above mentioned vehicle activated speed sign at a cost of £2700 has been added to the Parish Council asset register.
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable